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USS Cole C/MC discusses leadership and accountability at tonight's CNET SSOY banquet

PENSACOLA, Fla., -- "Who will have the courage and leadership skills to step up, call the shots, and take responsibility?" The year 2000 has posed that exact question to many Sailors --officer and enlisted alike. Tonight, Master Chief Petty Officer James G. Parlier, Command Master Chief aboard the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer the USS Cole (DDG 67), addresses Naval Education and Training Command's top seven Sailors about "stepping up to leadership." Of the seven, one will be chosen as the Chief of Naval Education and Training Shore Sailor of the Year (CNET SSOY).

The Military Members of the Year Award presentation banquet is scheduled tonight, April 5, at 6 p.m., at the National Museum of Naval Aviation. Formal ceremonies are scheduled to begin with Parlier's address at 7:45 p. m. The seven chosen first class petty officers are representing more than nine host commands, 17 medical and dental commands, 22 detachments, 27 overseas remote sites, 35 schoolhouses, 166 direct reporting activities and 13,734 Sailors.

Media representatives are invited and encouraged to cover this award ceremony. Media interested covering this event need to contact Cmdr. Anthony Cooper, CNET Public Affairs Officer, at 850.452.4858, or JO2 Eileen M. N. Kelly, CNET reporting journalist at 850.452.9110 by 3 p.m., today.

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